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SUBJECT: GSP: UPPER VOLTA CERTIFYING AUTHORITIES

REF: 75 OUAGADOUGOU 3239

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY US CUSTOMS SERVICE WASHINGTON CONCERNING IMPROPERLY CERTIFIED UNCTAD FORM A WHICH HAS PREVENTED DUTY-FREE ENTRY FOR UPPER VOLTA EXPORT ITEM.

2. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY CUSTOMS, ON FEBRUARY 16, 1977 NACOULNA BOUKARE COMMERCANT OF OUAGADOUGOU EXPORTED BASKET WARE (UNSPUN VEGETABLE FIBER) TO RAQUELS COLLECTION OF GREAT NECK, N.Y. ORIGINAL FORM A WAS INCORRECTLY FILLED OUT AND REJECTED BY CUSTOMS. IMPORTER POSTED BOND FOR PRODUCTION OF A SECOND FORM A. SECOND FORM IS CERTIFIED BY SEAL OF OUAGADOUGOU AERODROME C.P BUT IS NOT SIGNED. SINCE BASKET WARE HAS DUTY OF 25 PERCENT, IMPORTER IS UNCLASSIFIED

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PROTESTING CUSTOMS DECISION TO REJECT THIS FORM A.

3. GOVERNMENT OF UPPER VOLTA NOTIFIED CUSTOMS IN 1975 THAT FOLLOWING CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES WERE AUTHORIZED TO CERTIFY UNCTAD FORM A - OUGADOUGOU GARE, OUGADOUGOU AEROPORT, BOBO DOULASSO AEROPORT AND BOBO DOULASSA GARE.

UPPER VOLTA HAS NOT HOWEVER SENT SPECIMENS OF SEALS
AND SIGNATURES OF CERTIFYING AUTHORITIES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY SHOULD DETERMINE
WHETHER CUSTOMS OUAGADOUGOU AERODROME C.P. IS AUTHORIZED
UPPER VOLTA CERTIFYING AUTHORITY FOR UNCTAD FORM A
AND IS SAME AUTHORITY AS ONE OF FOUR AUTHORITIES
MENTIONED IN PARA 3. THIS WILL ALLOW EXPEDITIOUS
GSP TREATMENT OF BASKET WARE SHIPMENT. SECOND,
EMBASSY SHOULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SEAL AND SIGNATURE
SPECIMENS OF OUAGADOUGOU CERTIFYING AUTHORITIES
LISTED IN PARA 3. THIS PROCEDURE (I.E. UNCTAD
FORM A CERTIFIED AND SIGNED BY GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZED
CERTIFYING AUTHORITY WHICH HAS BEEN NOTIFIED TO
GSP PREFERENCE GRANTING COUNTRY) WAS WORKED OUT
BETWEEN UNCTAD AND ALL PREFERENCE GRANTING COUNTRIES,
IS USED BY ALL PREFERENCE GRANTING COUNTRIES, AND
SHOULD BE FAMILIAR TO UPPER VOLTA AUTHORITIES. VANCE

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